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EPA reconsidering lead cleanup plan

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Federal environmental officials are rethinking their plan to clean up the contaminated NL Industries Taracorp Superfund site in Granite City, Madison, Eagle Park and Venice.

On Friday, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will officially open a public comment period on a proposed cleanup plan and feasibility study. The comment period will continue through March 20.

The EPA says that based on new information, it may alter its original cleanup plan, which was established in its 1990 Record of Decision, the official document justifying and detailing the proposal.

The NL Industries Taracorp site formerly contained a lead smelting facility. The U.S. EPA contends that leftover lead dust, slag and a 91,000-cubic-yard lead waste pile pose a threat to the environment and human health.

A public hearing on the proposed plan will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, March 6, at the Granite

City Township Hall, 2060 Delmar Avenue.

Residents may also submit written comments by mailing them to: Susan Pastor, Community Involvement Coordinator, Office of Public Affairs (P-19J), U.S. EPA Region V, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604. Written comments must be postmarked by March 20.

The EPA has divided the site into three areas of concern: the main industrial area — about 30 acres at the former lead smelter site near 16th Street and Cleveland Boulevard; adjacent residential areas — about 1,600 residences in Granite

City, Madison and Venice with high levels of soil contamination; and remote fill areas in Venice Township, North Granite, Granite City and Glen Carbon.

A public comment period on the proposed remedy for the residential area recently ended. EPA has issued no revised plan for that area yet.

The comment period that begins tomorrow has to do with the main industrial area (the pile), remote fill areas and groundwater.

NL Industries — one of several companies identified (See EPA, Page 2A)

'Clean merfs' plan fails to get board's support

By Scott Wuerz
Staff writer

The Madison County Environmental Committee didn't get the vote of confidence it sought this week.

Madison County Board members voted Wednesday to delay for 30 days a decision that puts "clean merfs" against "dirty merfs" in the battle to reduce the amount of garbage deposited in landfills.

Norton Environmental officials are looking for trash commitments to support an \$8 million dirty merf proposed for Wood River's Lewis and Clark Environmental Business Park to process the county's unsorted trash.

The Environmental Committee is studying bids from five companies to build a clean merf as part of the county's solid waste management plan.

The County Board adopted a solid waste management plan in 1990 that includes the curbside program. The plan was designed to meet a state goal of recycling 25 percent of landfill waste by 1995.

But last month, board member Anthony Bosch, D-Wood River, asked for a special meeting of the board to look at a plan using a mixed waste, or dirty merf, recycling system. The board

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— Rudy Papa
Board member

held the special meeting Feb. 9.

On Wednesday, Environmental Committee Chairman Dick Worthen, D-Alton, asked for a reaffirmation of the county's pledge for a curbside program. But a motion to delay the vote for 30 days was proposed by board member Rudy Papa, D-Bethalto, and passed 19-4.

"I want to applaud the efforts of Mr. Worthen, who put in a lot of hours in the last 2 1/2 years researching recycling programs," Papa said. "But at this point I think another 30 days to digest and think about all the information we've taken in over the last few days would be in the best interests of the County Board."

Worthen disagreed with the extension, claiming board members have had plenty of time to research all the options.

"Sgt. Joe Friday from the

Dagnet T.V. program used to say, 'Just the facts, ma'am,' Worthen said. "And I think that is the attitude the County Board should take."

The Environmental Committee has been assigned by the County Board to find the facts, and we've been assisted by a nationally-known consultant who spent two years advising us on solid waste plans. The committee feels our suggested plan, which is one of merit, is the industry standard, and that is why we have asked the board to reaffirm it."

Bosch said he was glad to see the 30-day extension passed so board members can review the merits of dirty merf processing. "I think the delay is a good idea so board members can get a chance to speak with elected officials in their municipalities." (See MERFS, Page 6A)



Getting ready — Shirley Kibort of Shirl K Floral Designs in Granite City works on a bouquet of roses in preparation for the normal Valentine's Day onslaught. The holiday is a busy one for area florists and card shops, where shoppers regularly seek last-minute help. See Page 5A for story and more photos.

Student is suspended

Boy, 6, brings gun to school

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A six-year-old student at Harris School in Madison has been suspended for bringing a gun to school Tuesday.

The gun — a .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol — was not loaded and had no magazine.

Although nobody was in any danger, Madison Police Chief Paul Bargiel said it was still a serious matter.

"Any time a firearm is taken to school, whether it is loaded or not, we take it very seriously," he said.

He said this was an "isolated incident."

According to police reports, the gun was discovered during a play period outside, when another student told a teacher about the gun. The teacher then confronted the student and took the weapon.

The child told school officials that he found the weapon in his

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— Paul Bargiel
Police chief

mother's bedroom.

Police were notified and the child was taken into custody and the gun was seized.

The child was released to his father.

Bargiel said state statutes don't allow someone that young to be charged with a crime.

Instead, police discussed the matter with the parents and will monitor the situation.

Principal David Becherer said the student has been suspended pending a hearing by the school board.

He said the student probably didn't realize it was a real gun.

"My concern was that it was in a place where the child could

find it," he said.

Becherer said he could only recall one other instance, about one year ago, when a firearm was brought to school. He said that student was taken out of the school district because the parents had used a false address to register the child.

Bargiel said in that case, the student carried the gun — loaded and cocked — in a book bag.

"Kids and guns just do not mix," he said. "Parents that have firearms should not only educate their children about them, they should secure the firearms so children cannot get to them."

McGinness plans write-in campaign

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Ward 1 Alderman Bob Page of Granite City may not have opposition on the April 4 ballot, but he will have opposition in the election.

Political activist Joe McGinness announced this week that he is conducting a write-in campaign for the 1st Ward aldermanic seat currently held by Page.

"It is the only way I can do it because the time to get on the ballot has passed," McGinness said Tuesday.

McGinness, who ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 1993, took out aldermanic nominating petitions January 17, but decided not to file them when Dale Barnhart Sr. announced his candidacy for the seat.

McGinness said at that time that he would support Barnhart.

Since that time, Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine has ruled that Barnhart's current criminal status — he is on probation for a felony assault charge in Florida in 1987 — prevents him from holding the office. Barnhart subsequently dropped off the ballot and out of the race.

Re-enter McGinness.

"Everybody should have an opponent in true democratic elections," McGinness said Tuesday.

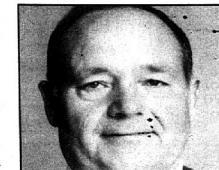
"Something needs to be done in this city, and there are changes that need to be brought about. I think we need to change the way we do business," he said.

Change is something McGinness has been pushing for years. He has tried twice — both times unsuccessfully — to have the size of the City Council cut.

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Joe McGinness



Bob Page

\$38 debt called murder motive

By Bonita Tillman
Staff writer

A \$38 debt led to the murder of Ricky Muckensturm, a prosecutor said Tuesday as the murder trial of John Ashburn of Granite City got under way Tuesday.

Ashburn's trial is expected to continue through Friday in St. Clair County Circuit Court.

Ashburn and David F. Clark shot and cut Muckensturm over a \$38 debt and dumped his body in Brookline, where he was found the next day, said St. Clair County Assistant State's Attorney Dennis Hatch during opening statements in the trial.

Clark, also of Granite City, was sentenced in May to 80 years in prison for his role in Muckensturm's death.

A wallet containing Ashburn's identification cards and driver's license was found near Muckensturm's body July 11 outside the entrance of a chicken farm on the edge of Brookline, Hatch said.

A .32-caliber bullet fragment found in Muckensturm's head came from a derringer like witnesses said they saw Ashburn with the day before Muckensturm was found, Hatch said.

But defense attorney Jim Wallis said there were other "alternatives" that would explain why Ashburn's wallet was found near Muckensturm.

"This case represents a rush to judgment by police authorities in an effort to solve this offense," Wallis said. "Other information was (See MURDER, Page 6A)

What's in a name? Plenty, residents say

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Some residents of Seventh Street in Madison have apparently thwarted an attempt to have the name of their street changed.

The Madison City Council conducted a public hearing Tuesday night to accept comments on a proposal to change the name of Seventh Street to "Veterans Avenue."

The request for a name change came from Carl Stratton, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #751 located at 1414 Seventh Street.

"We thought it would be an extremely appropriate gesture commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II," Stratton said.

He said only six street signs would need to be changed, minimizing the cost to the city.

Stratton also said he checked with the post office, banks and other institutions to see what residents would have to do.

"You don't even have to get your driver's license changed until its natural expiration date," Stratton said.

He said he met only one person — out of 33 he said he talked to last weekend — who was adamantly opposed to the name change.

But Bruno Kuca, a Korean War veteran who lives in the 1800 block of Seventh Street, said the name change would be inconvenient for residents.

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Deaths

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Mary Lambert
James Carter
Kenneth Archer
Daisy Mistor
Clara Karpowicz
Elmer Corrie
Marcella Grable
Charlotte Gauen
R. Kirkpatrick
George Bass

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Trivia

How many new police officers will the Tri-Cities area receive under the federal Crime Bill enacted last year?

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75 years ago

Feb. 16, 1920
Many local residents reported being missed by the U.S. Census Bureau enumerators.

Bill would require warning on gambling

SPRINGFIELD — Republican lawmakers introduced a bill Tuesday requiring all gambling operations, including riverboat casinos, to post signs warning customers of the dangers of compulsive gambling.

"Tens of thousands of people visit riverboats in Illinois. The vast majority of them are just folks having fun. But statistics tell us that some folks have problems."

"This measure would provide some help for those people," said Rep. Tom Ryder, R-Jerseyville, co-sponsor of the House bill.

The legislation would allocate \$2 million in riverboat gambling tax money for the Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse to print signs warning of the dangers of problem gambling and provide them to riverboats, racetracks and bingo parlors, which would be required to post them.

The bill also would establish a hot line for gamblers that the department would require to be printed on gambling advertisements and lottery tickets.

A woman who built up almost \$40,000 in gambling debts said the proposed law is great.

"I got into a lot of trouble at that Alton Belle (Casino)," said the St. Louis Gambler's Anonymous phone counselor, who requested anonymity.

"A lot of people don't know that help is available."

The Illinois Gaming Board also is padding its way to establishing a hot line for problem gamblers with an existing \$500,000 fund.

The board voted Tuesday to request a request for companies to submit bids for that hot line within three weeks.

Gaming Board spokeswoman Marianne Floriano said the board received several proposals that were too broad.

"This is such a huge issue that we want to do it right," Floriano said.

"The problem is that we don't know how large the problem is and the total number of resources available now."

— From the Alton Telegraph

•EPA

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ified by U.S. EPA as potentially responsible for the cost of the cleanup — has completed health risk assessments to determine if soil or groundwater from the site could affect human health. While U.S. EPA does not agree with all of the findings, the assessments identified two pathways for exposure to contamination: direct contact with and ingestion of contaminated water and soils, and inhalation of contaminated airborne dust.

A feasibility study identifies five alternatives for the main industrial area, two for the remote fill areas and three for the groundwater issue.

The alternatives for the main industrial area include the following:

- Alternative M-A — A \$4.8 million excavation of the smaller St. Louis Lead Recyclers waste pile, adding it to the 290,000-ton main pile, constructing a 3-foot-deep clay liner under the addition and capping the combined pile. The public would not be allowed access to the pile, which would remain forever. Continuous air monitoring would indicate contamination moving off the pile. Construction on this alternative, which was selected in the initial ROD in 1990, would take between nine and 15 months.
- Alternative M-B — A \$29 million excavation of both the main and SLRR piles, construction of an on-site landfill, and disposing of the materials there. Construction time is estimated at a year to 18 months.
- Alternative M-C — A \$64.8 million removal of both piles to an approved off-site treatment, storage and disposal facility. The project would take six months to a year to complete.

Alternative M-C2 — A \$34.6 million removal of both piles to a special waste landfill after treatment on-site.

Alternative M-D — An \$87.4 million removal of all contaminated material to an approved recycling facility. If one can be found that will take the material without sorting or treating it, that would be done, resulting in a considerable reduction in cost. If sorting and treating is required, it would be done on-site prior to removal. The project would take 11 to 17 months to complete.

Based on current information, U.S. EPA is recommending Alternative M-A — even though EPA documents state that that alternative only partially meets criteria for reduction of toxicity, mobility or volume through treatment. Other alternatives all fully meet that criteria.

The following alternatives are proposed for the remote fill areas:

Alternative RFA — Removing remote fill from residential areas, treating the hazardous material and taking it to a landfill at a cost of \$1.3 million to \$1.4 million. The project would take six to eight months to complete.

Alternative RFB — Removing remote fill from all areas and taking it to a landfill. The project would take nine months to a year to complete and cost between \$2 million and \$2.6 million.

EPA is recommending Alternative RFA-A. The following alternatives are being considered to address groundwater contamination:

Alternative G-A — Monitoring and natural attenuation. Monitoring wells would be installed downstream of the main industrial area to identify the extent of contamination.

Sex offenders being targeted

SPRINGFIELD — A Republican "fast track" anti-crime bill that cracks down on sex offenders and gunners has been approved by a House committee.

But Democrats' proposals to put more police on the street and keep criminals behind bars longer was rejected.

The House Judiciary Criminal Law Committee voted 15-0 to send the measure to the full House with the idea of it being passed by March 11.

The measure would require more sex offenders to register with police.

State law requires people who have been convicted of sexual offenses involving children to register with their local police department. The bill would expand that requirement to all sex offenders and would require DNA testing of sex offenders who move into Illinois. The bill requires sex offenders to give DNA samples when they are released from Illinois prisons.

The bill's other main provision taken aim at gunrunning by giving state grand juries power to investigate multiple illegal weapons sales, which often cross county lines.

Some secondary provisions include extending the statute of limitations for prosecuting attempted murder from three to seven years and eliminating the time limit entirely for concealment of a homicidal death and aggravated arson.

Democrats on the Republican-dominated committee argued the bill is mostly window-dressing and ripped Republicans for refusing to consider amendments that would add the truth-in-sentencing concept requiring felons to serve 85 percent of their sentences.

Committee Chairman, Rep. Tom Johnson, R-West Chicago, however, said truth-in-sentencing will be considered separately and "should not be on a fast track."

"This is going to cost billions of dollars. ... We need to come up with a reasonable bill and a smart bill," he said, adding that he expects the committee to pass a truth-in-sentencing bill. A subcommittee hearing on the issue is set for next month.

Madison County voters overwhelmingly endorsed the concept in the November election.

— From the Alton Telegraph

News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record Journals.

City chosen as plant site

Granite City has been chosen from among 41 initial applicants for a National Steel Corp. \$87 million state-of-the-art steel processing facility.

The decision to build the new hot-dip sheet steel galvanizing line was announced Friday after union steelworkers voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to make contractual concessions to the company.

The project is expected to create about 40 new permanent jobs, 250 jobs during construction, pump millions of dollars into the economy and ensure the place of Granite City Steel in National Steel's long-range plans.

Drug ring shut down

Two Granite City residents are among 14 people charged in a federal drug case stretching from Illinois to California.

Don Steven Skaggs, and his wife Sherie Lee Skaggs, both 37, of the 2800 block of Lincoln Avenue, were arrested Feb. 6 and have been charged with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Don Skaggs was also charged with one count of money laundering.

Motel evacuated

A 44-year-old Pontoon Beach man who was staying at the Granite City Lodge was discovered unconscious in his room at about 8:15 p.m. Thursday night.

The motel was evacuated after Illinois Power employees confirmed high concentrations of carbon monoxide inside the 20-room motel.

The gas leak was caused by a faulty boiler.

House approves welfare bill

Legislation making major changes in the state's welfare system was approved by a 76-35 vote of the Illinois House Friday.

State Rep. Tom Holbrook, D-Belleview, joined the Republican majority in supporting the proposal.

The bill aims almost exclusively at the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program. It calls for eliminating the program at the end of 1998.

The Senate had approved an identical bill on Thursday. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, was among the bill's supporters in the Senate.

Ex-chief to return as captain

The Pontoon Beach village board agreed to overturn the firing of former acting police chief Jim Denham at a special meeting Saturday afternoon.

Denham, who was suspended with pay in December after two Pontoon Beach residents accused him of using racially-offensive language toward them, was fired Feb. 7 by acting chief Mike Crouch. He will return to work as a captain in the department.

An investigation by the Madison County State's Attorney's office found no criminal wrongdoing.

The board met in executive session for about two hours Saturday before voting 5-1 to overturn the firing.

Record fight is settled

The battle between Pontoon Beach village clerk candidates over access to public records has been resolved.

Challenger Mary Rowden and incumbent Lou Whitsell had been arguing over conditions in which Rowden could look at records in Whitsell's office.

On Wednesday, Rowden spent 2½ hours looking over village records with the mayor and deputy clerk.

Whitsell, who serves as part-time clerk and is unavailable during normal business hours, would not allow her in the office without supervision.

Man allegedly robbed by stepson

Granite City police are investigating a report of a man who allegedly robbed his stepfather at gunpoint in downtown Granite City late Sunday night.

The 44-year-old victim told police his stepson pointed a handgun at his head and demanded money while the victim was walking from the 7-Eleven Store at the corner of Niedringhaus Avenue and 19th Street at 11:45 p.m. Sunday.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Kittens

There are many homeless kittens at the A.P.A. They crave attention and like to be played with. They're hoping someone will take them home to a warm, safe place with lots of love. Cats can live for 20 years, can you love us for that long?

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By Scott Cous

Staff writer

The Pontoon Beach Board has delayed agreement with the Department of a bridge replacement see if improvement made to sharp turn Drive.

The letter of the \$517,000 improvement plan on up at the Feb. 16 meeting.

At a meeting Mike Macek, Arlington Drive, Shoe Lake Road, and should be in said the proposal would make a difference.

Macek proposed state officials to be included in the "We need to these people coming up with selves," he said.

Trustee Ir agreed, saying weeks would make a difference.

"We're not that wrench into them," she said.

Included in the replacement and the bridge cross Canal at Horse widening and road, resurfacing.

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Improvements sought on Arlington Drive

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Pontoon Beach Village Board has delayed approving an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation on a bridge replacement project to see if improvements could be made to sharp turns on Arlington Drive.

The letter of understanding on the \$517,000 bridge and road improvement project will be taken up at the Feb. 28 meeting. At a meeting Tuesday, Trustee Mike Macek said curves on Arlington Drive just off Horseshoe Lake Road are dangerous and should be improved. He also said the proposed improvements would make the curves more pronounced.

Macek proposed meeting with state officials to see if that could be included in this project. "We need to try to work with these people even if it means coming up with a few bucks ourselves," he said.

Trustee Irene Karlechik agreed, saying another two weeks would not make much of a difference. "We're not throwing a monkey wrench into this by asking them," she said.

Included in the project is the replacement and enlargement of the bridge crossing the Cahokia Canal at Horseshoe Lake Road, widening and improving that road, resurfacing Corvette Drive

at the intersection of Horseshoe Lake Road, and relocating and improving the entrances to Arlington Drive and Levee Road. The entire cost would be paid by IDOT.

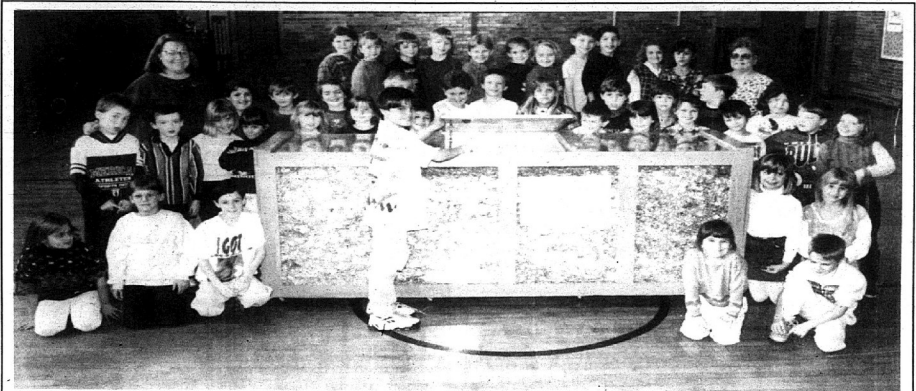
Mayor Glen Wilson said IDOT officials told him Wednesday morning it would not be feasible to include additional work to Arlington Drive at this time.

"We would have to purchase land," Wilson said. "And a lot of other things would have to be done."

In other business, the board approved two bids for materials for the Motor Fuel Tax maintenance program. Low bids of \$16,100 for asphalt from Macclair Asphalt in Collinsville and \$11,320 for concrete from Kienstra, Inc. in Wood River were accepted.

The purchase of baseball softball backstops for the Pontoon Beach Khoury League was also approved. The board approved spending up to \$4,500 in tourism funds for three backstops, one with an overhang to keep foul balls from flying back and hitting cars.

The board also delayed action on an ordinance revising mobile home sizes in the village. The new ordinance would increase the lot size required for mobile homes outside of mobile home parks to more than two acres. A variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals would be required.



Collectors — Matt Dittman puts the millionth tab into a collection of soda tabs at Niedringhaus School. Second grade teachers

Janice Dittman and Pam Bjorkman got the collection started in April 1992. Matt was a second grade student at that time.

(Staff photo by KYLE HESTER)

Senators get lesson in education

"If we know about it ahead of time, we can make plans. Predictability and stability in school finances are very important."

— Dennis Rucker
Bethalto superintendent

School officials gave three state senators a few lessons in improving education Tuesday as the Senate Minority Leader's Task Force on Education came to Edwardsville.

Democratic Sens. Evelyn Bowles of Edwardsville, Vince Demuzio of Carlinville and Dennis Jacobs of East Moline heard educators sound off about tax caps in the Chicago suburbs, exorbitant special education costs and a Senate bill that would waive mandates.

The hearing at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville drew about 20 educators and lasted more than two hours. Bowles and Chicago Sen. Art Berman are co-chairmen of the nine-member task force. A similar hearing will be held next week in Chicago.

Curt Smith, an SIUE education professor and member of the Edwardsville School Board, told the senators that Illinois is one of the most inequitable states in education funding. He said one way to equalize spending would be to redistribute commercial and industrial property tax revenues statewide.

The equalized assessed valuation of industrial and commercial revenues makes up nearly 44 percent of property tax

revenues collected. If the two revenue categories were redistributed, the losers mostly would be wealthier suburban Chicago districts.

The educators and senators panned the tax rate cap in the Chicago area because Downstate would have to make up for the lost revenues, Demuzio said. "The dollars have to come from us," he said.

The fairest way to fund schools is through increased state income taxes, he said. Demuzio predicted the Senate's bill to waive state education mandates except for special education would be

"dead on arrival" in the House or in for a major overhaul. Under the Senate bill, each district would have to apply to the Illinois State Board of Education for an exemption, such as dropping physical education. A rejection by the board would have to be OK'd by the General Assembly within 30 days or the exemption would be "assumed to be granted," Demuzio said.

Jacobs said he was concerned because the law would give the Legislature veto power over the Board of Education. "It is OK to enact legislation, but to approve or disapprove waivers makes little common sense. It is

cumbersome, and I think it is unconstitutional," Jacobs said.

Superintendents made pitches to the legislators to reduce the number of quality review and evaluations of students and to help with expensive, mandated special education costs.

Bethalto School District Superintendent Dennis Rucker said the districts need more advance notice of what their state funding will be.

"Just make it predictable and stable. We seldom have the facts at hand to make the plans," he said. "If we know about it ahead of time, we can make plans. Predictability and stability in school finances are very important."

Roxana School District Superintendent Jim Herndon asked for matching funds or other assistance in repairing or replacing old buildings. "Half of the student population in my district is housed in a complex that is more than 30 years old. I feel like I'm captain of the Titanic."

— From the Alton Telegraph

BAC Saturday classes slated

Classes starting the week of Feb. 25 in Belleville Area College's Saturday Experience workshops include:

Arts and Crafts:
Welcome door banner, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., one session, room 526. Hand paint welcome banners in interchangeable seasonal oval plaques. The fee is \$14. Supplies are \$14.

Personal and Professional:
Hello Dolly, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., one session, room 536. Learn basic doll restoration including restringing, how to set hair, clean clothes and replacement parts. The fee is \$8. No supplies are needed.
Creative writing, 1 to 4 p.m., three sessions, room 544. Learn the basics of writing, plotting and characterization. The fee is \$32. No supplies are needed.

Effective interviewing skills, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., one session, room 517. As interviewer or interviewee, learn techniques to improve your interviewing skills from set-up to evaluation. The fee is \$11. No supplies are needed.
How to deal with difficult people, 9 a.m. to noon, one session, room 517. Learn to develop coping strategies for dealing with difficult people. Fee is \$11. No supplies are needed.

For more information, call Joyce Nerges, Granite City Campus community services coordinator, at 931-0600, extension 644, or toll-free in Illinois at 1 (800) BAC-5131, extension 441.



The United States Environmental Protection Agency

is accepting
PUBLIC COMMENTS

on the
**NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site
Feasibility Study/Proposed Plan**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) recently completed a Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan for addressing ground water and hard rubber battery case materials at the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site, Granite City, IL.

These alternatives are:

Main Industrial Area

- M-A. Source Removal to On-Site Landfill;
- M-B. Source Removal to On-Site Landfill and On-Site Treatment of Material Characterized as Hazardous;
- M-C1. Source Removal to Off-Site Landfill and Off-Site Treatment of Hazardous Waste;
- M-C2. Source Removal to Off-Site Landfill and On-Site Treatment of Hazardous Waste; and
- M-D. Source Removal with On-Site Sorting and Treatment, Off-Site Recycling, and On-Site or Off-Site Disposal.

Remote Fill Areas

- RF-A. Removing Remote Fill from Residential Areas, Treating Remote Fill Characterized as Hazardous, and Capping Remote Fill in Alleys and Driveways;
- RF-B. Removing Remote Fill from All Remote Fill Areas to On-or Off-Site Landfill and Treating Remote Fill Characterized as Hazardous.

Ground Water

- G-A. Monitoring/Natural Attenuation;
- G-B. Groundwater Containment in the Main Industrial Area by Pumping and Disposing into the Local Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) and Monitoring and Natural Attenuation in the Remote Fill Areas; and
- G-C. Groundwater Containment on the Main Industrial Area Through a Combination of Installing a Slurry Wall and Pumping and Disposing into the Local POTW and Monitoring and Natural Attenuation in the Remote Fill Areas.

U.S. EPA is recommending alternatives based on information available to date. They are M-A, RF-A, and G-B. These alternatives will minimize the potential for future contamination and provide protection for public health and the environment.

Copies of the Feasibility Study, Proposed Plan, and other site-related documents are available for review at:

Granite City Public Library
2001 Delmar Ave.
Granite City, IL

An administrative record, which contains the information upon which U.S. EPA's decision will be based, has also been placed in the library.

Comments on the Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan may be submitted from February 17 to March 20, 1995 to:

Susan Pastor, P-19J
Community Involvement Coordinator
U.S. EPA
Office of Public Affairs
77 W. Jackson Blvd.
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Comments will also be accepted at a

PUBLIC MEETING
Monday, March 6, 1995
7 p.m.

Granite City Township Hall
2060 Delmar Ave.
Granite City, IL

Blood is needed every minute of every day. And every two minutes, someone in our area receives a blood transfusion. Someday, that person might be you, or someone you love.

You can get a heart-warming feeling during these cold, winter months by giving blood at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center blood drive from noon to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 23, in the Ketteler gymnasium, 2100 Madison Ave., in Granite City. The drive is sponsored by the American Red Cross. All blood donors are welcome; however, people with type "O" are especially sought.

According to the Red Cross, local blood supplies have been especially low this winter, so each donation will make a difference.

Type "O" blood is called the universal blood type because it can be safely transfused to

patients regardless of their blood type. However, type "O" patients can only receive type "O" blood.

An estimated 46 percent of the population has type "O" blood, making it the most common blood type; however, it is often in short supply. This is because 50 percent of all hospital transfusions require type "O" blood, making it the most vital blood type.

Type "O" blood is used in emergencies when there is no time for cross-match testing. It is also the blood most commonly used to transfuse newborn children.

It is vital to patients relying on the community blood supply that people with type "O" blood donate regularly. It is safe for them to donate every eight weeks.

The Ketteler gymnasium is easily accessible from the

Washington Avenue parking lot. Participants can park in the lot, come into the main Ketteler Center entrance and take the elevators or stairs down to the gymnasium, where the drive will be held.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age, in good health and weigh more than 110 pounds. To comply with Rec Cross regulations, please bring a driver's license or another form of identification when you donate blood.

Refreshments will be served after you give blood. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the drive.

Anyone who has any questions or needs more information about the St. Elizabeth Medical Center drive should call 738-3128. For information on other drives in the area, call the Red Cross at 1 (800) 765-2406.



THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

Let's assume that you are a spectator at a baseball game sitting in an unscreened seat, and you are hit by a batted ball. Can you recover damages from the batter and the baseball team for your injuries? Here you would probably be barred from recovery because of a doctrine known as assumption of the risk.

For this doctrine to apply, the injured person must have a knowledge of the risk involved and a willing acceptance of this risk and the danger. In Illinois, the defense of assumption of the risk is limited to situations where there is a contractual relationship between the parties or where the parties stand in the position of employer and employee. With regard to the contractual relationship situation, a common example is that of a person who has paid an admission fee for entry onto amusement or recreational premises. If he is injured in this setting, having full knowledge of the risk involved, then he cannot recover monetary damages.

One of the most notable cases involving a local man dealt with a pit crew member who was struck and injured by a car at a Granite City race track. The crew member was injured when a race car

struck him soon after the restart of a race halted by rain. When injured, the crew member was working about his twelfth time at the track. The evidence presented at trial indicated that he had signed a release form the first time he worked, although he had not read it.

The pit crew member was awarded a substantial sum of money by the jury. This award, however, was reversed by the Court of Appeals. The Appellate Court noted that the crewman had placed himself in a position on the track at an area where cars tended to leave the track and enter the infield. There had been no announcements warning people to stay away from the area where the crewman was injured.

The Court found that the crew member's mere participation in the races and his signature on the release indicated an awareness of the dangers and a willing acceptance of them. In this case, the crew member was unable to recover damages because he assumed the risk. It is apparent that this doctrine of assumption of the risk, which prevents the injured party from recovering damages, will be applied by the Courts on a case by case basis.

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Opinion

Crowns firmly in charge in much of government

Tired of the seemingly never-ending soap opera in progress in Los Angeles?

Looking for a little comic relief, a chuckle, guffaw, belly laugh?

Forget that tired old advice from Mr. Greeley about going west, look east, young man, that's where the laughs are, right in our nation's capital. You might as well get a giggle out of it, you're paying for the comedy.

Case in point: It wasn't the Marx Brothers or Abbott and Costello two weeks back, but you could have fooled me. Instead, it was the mayor of Washington, the right honorable Marion Barry, warning Congress that the city is in big, big trouble.

Hizzonor was apparently away in the poken, getting his act together and recognizing the error of his doping, womanizing ways — in short, getting born again — when his successor was in charge and estimating the city would end with a deficit of \$40 million in 1994. A slight under-estimation, Barry now announces, following a new audit. It was actually \$335-million.

After what I'm sure were hours of soul-searching and wringing of hands and all that dramatic stuff, Marion went forth to warn the Congress, the unions, and the poor suckers who live in Washington that there would have to be severe cuts in employment and city services during the current situation, which, he said, was the "most serious financial crisis since 1872," when a million was really a million.

Mayor Barry was so undone by the audit's revelations that he seriously considered declaring a first-ever state of emergency in Washington, an act that would have given him "unprecedented powers to slash spending without city council approval."

He thought better of it and — here comes the first laugh — decided instead to take a 5 percent pay cut from his annual \$90,705 salary.

Upon learning that the city



Carol Clarkin

deficit might rise to \$1 billion by the end of the current year, Rep. James T. Walsh of New York, head of the House Appropriation's District of Columbia subcommittee, warned that Congress might be forced to seize control of the city's finances, an act some might consider comparable to locking the fox in the henhouse, but House Speaker Newt Gingrich had a far better solution.

"Hey, look here! Who the hell wants to run a town where both population and tax base are running downhill, where crime rates are cloud-bound, and which has some of the highest local taxes in the country?" Newt asked. Except for our own little enclave, let's dump it back on Maryland! "Let the state government of Maryland take over the city and decide what to do with it," Newt opined, "and by the way, let them provide the money."

Thanks but no thanks, said Maryland Gov. Parris penderson (as have his predecessors when offered the golden opportunity of having the District of Columbia ceded back to them). We know when we're well off, he must have been thinking.

Gingrich generously praised Barry's efforts in determining the true financial state of the city, but was critical of the "astounding level of disorganization" of the metropolis. This, coming from a congressman? Get outta here! Know what it all reminded me of? A plaintive little pop song of a few years back, at its ending, "Send in the clowns; don't bother, they're here."

Letters to the editor

Village needs a major change

TO THE EDITOR: In church Sunday, the preacher spoke on "There is even a Deadline With us." What I learned from this is there is a line that people cross over and cannot be forgiven.

Some of the politicians in Pontoon Beach have crossed over this line. They think the village records belong to just them. The people have the right to know what is going on in the village. The village board has brought homeowners into the village who have no interest in being part of the village. There are many more problems within the village.

We need to change the way the village is run. The board members don't have to like one another, but they need to learn to work together for the village. The mud slinging needs to stop. We need to know what the candidates are going to do for us, not what they think of the other parties running.

In the upcoming election, the two parties that are running are not going to change the way the village is run. If it is possible, the people in the village need to run a group of write-in candidates. We need a change in the village. If the people who are on the board keep getting elected, we can't change anything. Get together with your family and friends and get a group that you can trust and go for it.

LINDA MCFARLAND
Pontoon Beach

Donations help save wildlife

TO THE EDITOR: The residents of Illinois have an opportunity to help save Illinois wildlife by giving a donation to the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund. Donations may be made when income tax forms are completed, simply by indicating any amount over a dollar

on line 13a of the IL-1040 or on line 5a of the IL-1040EZ. Past efforts by dedicated conservationists have made the number of bald eagles wintering in Illinois soar, and they have helped to identify countless species and habitats that need protection.

This year, the Department of Conservation is planning to use a portion of the donations to release river otters to their native habitat in the state.

Of course, tax deductible donations may be made after the tax season by sending a check or money order to Illinois Department of Conservation, Natural Heritage Division, 324 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62712-1787. Another way of helping is by purchasing Illinois environmental license plates, which display the cardinal, Illinois' state bird. Funds from license plate sales help to preserve Illinois' state parks.

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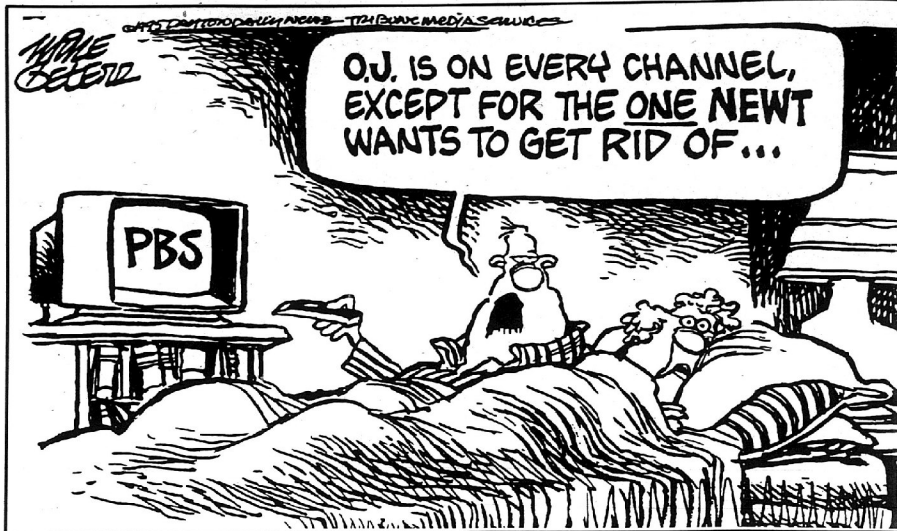
Bradley firing incorrect

TO THE EDITOR: The truth hurts. It's sad. It hurts the one who speaks it, and is fired and chastised for it. It is a "politically correct" to patronize what is politically correct.

"Politically correct" is political. The financial debt problem of this country, which may be faced by our grandchildren, will be a "garden party" compared to the problem of violence and disregard for law and authority which is snowballing and being ignored.

We have become an ostrich baracuda society. ALL people must face reality. KETC Channel 9 can save the cost of postage and a phone call if they want me to renew my membership unless they allow Bruce Bradley to continue his excellent program.

JOSEPH JAMES ILAVSA,
Edwardsville



Tiny free China outdoing neighbor

It has been a quarter-century since I spent a month touring the Orient but I am still on the mailing list of the *Free China Journal*.

The weekly newspaper provides a wealth of information about the Republic of China on Taiwan.

Formerly called Formosa, the island of Taiwan established a government separate from that of mainland China nearly five decades ago when the latter became a Communist country. Taiwan had 14 million residents when I and a group of editors spent a week there in 1969. Its population has approximately doubled since then.

Throughout the Cold War era, there has been pressure to unify the two Chinas. This pressure has been successfully resisted by the ROC, and there has been a slight decrease in the number of war threats voiced by Red China.

Some cooperation has been achieved for the mutual benefit of the ROC and the PRC (People's Republic of China). But Red China still refuses to rule out attempting to take control of the island by force.

David was small but once defeated Goliath, and it is happening again in a battle pitting modern progress against tradition and stagnation.

Living in freedom and capitalism, citizens of the tiny



Bill Winter

China have prospered, far outdistancing the billion-plus mainland Chinese in many respects.

Taiwan's technology is so advanced that the republic is now building its own missile-equipped jet fighter airplanes.

Due to PRC pressure, Taiwan was booted out of the Olympics and remained out for a number of years before returning to international athletic competition.

Taiwan also was ejected from the United Nations, but has not given up its membership aspirations. Oscar Serrate, chairman of the UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development, made a visit as a private citizen to Taiwan's capital city, Taipei, in January 1994 and urged the ROC to be "creative in seeking admission to the United Nations."

Formerly the Bolivian ambassador to the UN, he said during a seminar, "If there is no road, walk to make your own path."

The UN official criticized the

world community for treating Taiwan as "a black hole, whose key statistics do not appear in international studies. What scientific mind can accept such irrationality?"

How can we talk about trade if the number 13 is missing? His reference was to the fact that Taiwan is expected to be the 13th largest trading nation this year.

Reviewing 1994, the *Free China Journal* said Jan. 7 that "surviving the year was not easy, but the Republic of China made it."

"The ROC was sanctioned by the United States for not doing enough to protect wildlife. 'RO' President Lee Teng-hui was barred from attending the Asian Games in Japan and an informal summit of an Asian Pacific economic organization due to objections from the Chinese Communists."

"Amid the hardships was a reward. Relations between Taipei and Washington, unchanged for 15 years, were finally upgraded so that now the title of ROC offices in the U.S. includes the word Taipei, better identifying the country the title stands for."

"Also, senior U.S. officials are now permitted for the first time since 1979 to visit the ROC. The policy change yielded results, as U.S. Secretary of Transportation Federico Peña visited Taiwan in December.

"Domestically,

Taiwan-mainland relations were on the decline after the robbery and murder of Taiwan tourists on the mainland in the spring of 1994.

"This chilled cross-Straits exchange and travel. The cold atmosphere persisted and no solid agreements were reached by Taipei's and Peking's intermediary bodies on resolving fishing disputes or procedures to handle illegal entrants and hijackers."

"Scandals involving arms procurement were uncovered in the ROC Navy, leading to the convictions of more than a dozen military officers."

"A big step on the path to full democracy was made by the Dec. 3 elections, during which the nation's public peacefully elected a Taiwan provincial governor and mayors of Taipei and Kaohsiung."

"On economic development, the ROC made steady growth over the past year in its trade and investments in Southeast Asian countries, in line with the government's go-south economic investment strategy."

"The island also started to position itself as the Asian Pacific's hub for manufacturing, air transportation, shipping, finance, telecommunications and the media."

"And intellectual properties (copyrights of creative works) are now better protected in Taiwan."

Separate judicial election not a good idea

The following editorial is reprinted from the *Alton Telegraph*.

Just what we need — another election.

We Illinoisans elect more public officials to more obscure boards and commissions and assorted other governing bodies than any other state.

And now the state Supreme Court wants to have another separate election just to choose judges.

The court, in its annual report to the Legislature, is once again calling for separate elections to

better focus voters' attention on judicial candidates and their qualifications.

Judicial hopefuls run for simple majority election to the bench on general election ballots in November, and subsequent terms require a 60 percent favorable retention vote.

Some 15 years ago, the Legislature consolidated many elections, although, quite frankly, not nearly enough to suit us. Despite that consolidation, we've still got elections every November, every other April and every other March.

Adding just one more election date would be a costly venture for taxpayers.

We doubt that most voter-taxpayers would welcome the opportunity to spend more money on another election just to allow the candidates an easier

opportunity to sell themselves.

We expect that the Legislature will give the Supreme Court's suggestion the courtesy consideration it deserves before quickly consigning it to the dustbin of bad ideas.

— From the *Alton Telegraph*

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People

Better late than never

For many men, Valentine's Day is a holiday not to forget



Frank Cramer of Pontoon Beach carries a floral arrangement out of Shirl K Floral Designs Tuesday morning.

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Frank Cramer of Pontoon Beach knew he was in trouble. When he woke up Tuesday morning, his wife gave him a Valentine's Day present, but Cramer didn't have a gift for her.

So he joined the crowds of late Valentine's Day shoppers Monday evening and Tuesday morning searching for that perfect gift.

"She gave me a little box of candy, a card, and an Elvis Presley book," Cramer said.

Cramer settled on some roses at Shirl K Floral Designs in Granite City, and said he would personally deliver them to his wife while she was at work in St. Louis.

"I had been planning to do this anyway because women love to have flowers where they work," he said. "It makes the other women jealous to look at them all day."

Cramer said he always puts shopping off until the last minute.

"I also shop on Dec. 24," he said.

Jerry Robins of Pontoon Beach also put it off to the last minute.

"I procrastinate," he said. "It's the story of my life."

He added that his wife, Marie, probably doesn't expect anything.

"She thinks I forgot," he said. "Usually, if I do anything at all I do it before. I didn't have time."

For florists, Valentine's Day is the biggest day of the year.

By 9 a.m., when customers started flooding through the doors, everybody at Shirl K Floral Designs was already busy, making flower arrangements and taking telephone orders.

Owner Shirley Kibort estimated she goes through 4,000 roses for Valentine's Day.

She said late shoppers pour in the night before, and crowd her store until 7 p.m. Valentine's Day.

"It certainly is one of the most difficult because of the tremendous amount of deliveries to be done in one day," she said. "Valentine's Day is also one of the hardest because customers come in at 7 p.m. and are still asking for roses, and they specify red ones."

"That's a problem because by 7 p.m. on Valentine's Day you're out of red roses. So then you have to be a good salesman and sell them the other colors you have remaining."

She also said those who plan ahead have priority.

"Oh, they get desperate, but they wait," she said of late shoppers. "Everyone knows you have to wait."

Customers at Jan's Hallmark in Granite City know about waiting on Valentine's Day.

At 5 p.m. Monday, customers waiting to pay for their figurines, cards and chocolate-covered strawberries stood 10 to 15 deep in four different lines.

The lines twisted through the store, making it hard for those still looking for gifts to move around.

Manager Marsha Lowery said this was a typical Valentine's Day rush.

She said last-minute customers will be coming through "till we lock the doors" on Valentine's Day.

"It's just really crazy," she added. "There are



Joyce Hall of Shirl K Floral Designs in Granite City prepares roses Tuesday morning for the many customers who had waited until the last day.

so many people.

"A lot of them know what they want," she said. "They know they can come in here and get a Precious Moments, or they can get the card that they need," she said.

"Precious Moments are always popular."

Also popular are other figurines, candy, fresh roses, chocolate-covered strawberries, stuffed animals.

"We usually have extra staff to help them," Lowery said of the late shoppers. "Usually everybody's in a good mood — it's just a really neat holiday."

She had a simple explanation for all the late shoppers.

"Because they're men," she said.

William Heil of Granite City, one of Monday's shoppers, would agree.

"Most men do wait until the last minute," he said. "Most men have a tendency to want to keep their money in their pocket until the last minute."

John McNall of Granite City was not sure why he did his Valentine's Day shopping at the last minute.

"I always wonder that when I come in here because the place is packed," he said. "I always shop at the last minute for every holiday, but I don't know why. It's just the hustle and bustle of work and everything else."

McNall was buying gifts for his grandmother, mother, wife and daughter.

"So I've got plenty to buy," he said. "I get everybody a card and I'm looking to get my wife and daughter some of the chocolate strawberries and some balloons. Usually I just take my mom and grandmother out for dinner."

While most shoppers Monday night were men, a fair number of women were also trying to buy last-minute cards and gifts.

Lynette Burnette of Granite City said she didn't really consider it the last minute until she came into the store and saw the crowds.

"Then I realized this must be the last minute," she said. "It was the only time I could sneak away."

"On my way home from work, I thought I might be able to stop in here without anybody knowing when I got their card," she added.

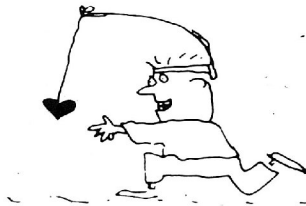
Jewelry stores also have last minute shoppers, but according to Bob Nickles, vice president of Hudson Jewelers Ltd. in Granite City, the amount of money involved makes customers take more time.

"It's the same no matter if it's Mother's Day, Christmas or Valentine's Day, there are always a lot of late shoppers," he said. "But it depends on the importance of the pieces they are purchasing."

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One of the Precious Moments figurines, always one of the more popular Valentine's Day gifts.



One of the Valentine's Day card designs.

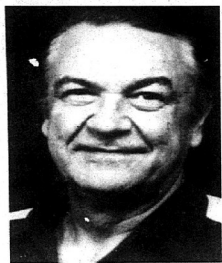


Another gift from Jan's Hallmark.



Dave Klee of Mitchell was among those looking for Valentine's Day cards at Jan's Hallmark in Granite City.

Obituaries



Kenneth Archer

Kenneth R. Archer, 69, of Granite City, died at 7:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 1995, at his residence after a five-year illness. He was born Nov. 15, 1925, in Lansing, Mich., and had been a resident of Granite City for 44 years.

A bricklayer with Granite City Steel for 35 years, he owned and operated Ken's Lounge for 20 years and was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include two sons, Eric Jon Archer and Kyle Medley Archer, both of Granite City; three daughters, Kristin Ann Nicholson, Ken-Gae Archer and Kayla McAmish, all of Granite City; two brothers, Ray Archer of Pasadena, Texas, and Glenn Archer of Gulf Breeze, Fla.; one sister, Phyllis Munger, of Granite City; and seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Cora (Stuber) Archer; and one sister, Phyllis Munger.

Visitation is from 2 to 3 p.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 2939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, where services are at 3 p.m. today.

Daisy Mistoler
Daisy V. (Chappell) Mistoler, 82, of Granite City, formerly of Tilden, died at 6:25 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, 1995, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She was born Nov. 2, 1912, in Tilden.

A homemaker, she was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include two sons, George Taylor of Granite City and Harold Taylor of Madison; one sister, Luella Mistoler of Lincoln, Neb.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Mistoler, whom she married Sept. 17, 1947, in Sparta, and who died May 5, 1976; her parents, Binns and Helen (Donahue) Chappell; two brothers; and one great-grandson.

Services were to be held at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at Wilson's Funeral Home, Tilden, with the Rev. Delmer Remy officiating. Burial in Tilden City Cemetery, Tilden.

Clara Karpowicz
Clara R. (Rytterski) Karpowicz, 74, of Granite City, formerly of Nashville, Ill., died at 11:11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13, 1995, in the

Cornell prof to speak at SIUE
This year's William J. Probst Memorial Lecture at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville is Ronald Hoffmann, professor and Nobel Laureate at Cornell University. He will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Sponsored by the university's department of chemistry and the SIUE Chemistry Club, the annual lecture will be conducted in Meridian Hall at SIUE's department of chemistry. Hoffmann's topic will be "Sciences, Arts and Humanities: One Culture, or Two?"

Each year, a speaker is brought to campus as part of the Probst series, named for Professor Probst, who taught organic chemistry at the university for nearly 20 years before he died in 1975.

In addition to his evening lecture Feb. 28, Hoffmann will also speak at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, in Room 3014 in the SIUE Science Building, for a special departmental seminar on the topic of "Some Reasons To Be Interested in Carides."

He will also speak at the third annual Undergraduate Research Symposium hosted by the department of chemistry and sponsored by the St. Louis Section of the American Chemical Society. The Symposium, where undergraduate students may present their research findings at a poster session, will be conducted 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28. Hoffmann will give the opening address.

Hoffmann received the 1981 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for work in applied theoretical chemistry. He is known for his involvement in undergraduate education and regularly teaches first-year general chemistry, as well as chemistry for non-science majors.

In 1993 the Smithsonian Institution Press published his "Chemistry Imagined."

emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born Sept. 12, 1920, in Todd's Mill, Ill., and had been a resident of Granite City for 26 years.

A homemaker, she was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Anthony Karpowicz, whom she married May 4, 1946; two sons, Tony "Mike" Karpowicz of Denver and Donald Karpowicz of Granite City; one daughter, Margaret Curtis of Houston; one brother, Jerry Rytterski of Granite City; five sisters, Regina Nieldalski, Martha Matthes and Stella Frey, all of St. Louis, and Verna Konkel and Laura Rozek, both of Granite City; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Pauline Rytterski; and two brothers, Joe and David Rytterski.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Irwin Chapel, 3980 Maryville Road, Granite City, where a prayer service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Services are at 9 a.m. Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2606 Washington Ave., Granite City, with the Rev. William Fisher, pastor officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Entestment is at the Holy Family Catholic Church Building Fund.

Elmer Corrie
Elmer M. "Bud" Corrie, 82, of Granite City, formerly of Venice, died at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, 1995, at his residence after being ill for several years. He was born Jan. 12, 1913, in Madison and had been a resident of Granite City for three years.

A warehouseman with the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Ill., for 30 years prior to his retirement in 1965, he was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1942 to 1945, and of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include one daughter, Betty Corrie of Madison; one brother, Gale W. Corrie of Collinsville; and two sisters, Thelma Meade of Clinton, Mo., and Jean Hevel of Belleville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Flo (Stebbins) Corrie; and one sister, Jean Corrie; and one sister.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where a memorial service will be held at 8 p.m. today.

Marcella Grable
Marcella Mae (Marshall) Johnson Grable, 81, of Godfrey, formerly of Florida, died at 11:45 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13, 1995, at Jerseyville Care Center, Jerseyville. She was born Aug. 24, 1913, in Taylorville, Ill.

Ms. Grable was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, James E. Johnson of Rockingham, N.C.; two daughters, Loretta Chappine of Granite City and Sue Nash of Godfrey; one sister, Virginia DeFries of Florida; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Aldo Frank Johnson, whom she married June 24, 1932, in Hannibal, Mo.; her second husband, Jessie Grable, whom she married July 8, 1974, in Wood River; and her parents, Edward and Flossie Edna (Mathis) Marshall.

Private family services are being held at Mark's Mortuary, Wood River, where the Rev. Delmer Remy is officiating. Burial will be in Upper Alton Cemetery, Alton.

Memorial is requested for the Oasis Center for Women in Alton.

Charlotte Gauen
Charlotte A. (Stanley) Gauen, 61, of El Cajon, Calif., formerly of Granite City and Edwardsville, died Friday, Feb. 3, 1995, in San Diego. She was born Dec. 31, 1933, in Doniphan, Mo.

Employed from 1970 to 1990 by the Granite City School District as a guidance counselor at Granite City High School North, she was also a teacher of primary education at Mitchell and Niedringhaus elementary schools, both in Granite City.

Mrs. Gauen was a member of Skyline Wesleyan Church in San Diego and a former member of Eden United Church of Christ in Edwardsville and St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Charles A. Gauen; three sons, Gregory Gauen of Troy, Bradley Gauen of Collinsville and Matthew Gauen of Fullerton, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Marie (Pepper) Gauen.

Mrs. Gauen's remains were cre-

mated.

A memorial service will be held at 12 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at Friends United Church of Christ, 207 E. Center, Troy, with the Rev. Jane Hillman officiating. A fellowship will follow the services at the church hall.

Graveside services and burial of the cremains will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Kolmer Cemetery, Waterloo.

Survivors include her parents, Polysystic Kidney Research Foundation; PKR Foundation, 922 Walnut St., Suite 411, Kansas City, Mo. 64108.

R. Kirkpatrick
Roberta (Richmond) Kirkpatrick of Cape Girardeau, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Monday, Feb. 13, 1995, in Cape Girardeau.

Survivors include her parents, William and Esther Richmond of Granite City.

Services were held Wednesday at Rofa Funeral Home, Lukeville, Mo. Burial was in Missouri.

George W. Bass
George W. Bass, 76, of Granite City, formerly of Murphysboro, died at 8:50 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center after a three-week illness. He was born June 23, 1918, in Murphysboro and had been a resident of Granite City for 50 years.

A custodian with Granite City School District 9 for 28 years prior to his retirement in 1979, he was a member of First United Methodist Church in Madison and the Moose Lodge 272 in Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys, who died in 1979; one son, whom he married Feb. 21, 1947, in Granite City; one son, Tommy Bass of Granite City; one daughter, Pearl L. Barnfield of Goreville, Ill.; his stepmother, Lucille Masek of Stillwater, Minn.; one brother, Joseph "Joe" Bass of Great Falls, Mont.; 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George Elmer Bass and Dorothy (Laton) Bass.

Services were to be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Vernon Brown and Rev. Michael Davis officiating. Burial in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

Memorials to the American Red Cross and the United Methodist Church in Madison.

Elizabeth Elliott
Elizabeth "Betty" (Flach) Elliott, 86, of Farmington, Mo., formerly of Freeburg, East St. Louis, New Orleans, La., and South St. Louis, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 1995, at a nursing home in Farmington after a lengthy illness. She was born in Freeburg and had been a resident of Farmington for 15 years.

She and her husband owned Elliott Electric and Contracting Co. and she later worked for the St. Louis Union Trust Co. for 20 years. She was a member of various Baptist churches for more than 60 years.

Survivors include several cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank "Jay" Elliott; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Flach; and one brother, Joseph Flach.

Services were Feb. 7 at Taylor Funeral Home in Farmington. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

Mary Lambert
Mary Louise (Reeves) Lambert, 59, of Granite City, formerly of St. Louis, died at 10:53 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1995, at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, after a two-year illness.

Mrs. Lambert was born in September 1935 in Centuria and had been a resident of St. Louis for six years prior to moving to Granite City 20 years ago.

A homemaker, she was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her children, Talmage Jr., Tamara, Deborah, Kenny and Jackie Turner; her mother, Helen (Beall) Hensic of Granite City; one brother, Jerry Reeves of Coos Bay, Ore.; and several grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Linda Turner; her father, James Reeves; and two brothers, Richard and Jimmy Reeves.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where services are at 1 p.m. Friday with the Rev. Wayne Muehstics officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

James Carter

James Roy Carter, 49, of East St. Louis, died Friday, Feb. 10, 1995. He was born June 12, 1945, in Madison, Tenn., and had been a lifelong resident of East St. Louis.

Mr. Carter was an assembly worker with Ford Motor Company prior to becoming ill.

Survivors include two sons, James Roy Carter Jr. and Robert D. Carter, both of East St. Louis; his mother, Odessa Carter of East St. Louis; three brothers, Rayford L. Carter of Houston, Arthur Carter of Madison and R.D. Carter of East St. Louis; and four sisters, Dorothy Davis of East Chicago, Ind., Mary Alice Alexander of Detroit, Delores Carter of East St. Louis and Josephine Burnett of Belleville.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Officer Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark Church of God in Christ, 4108 State St., East St. Louis, with the Rev. Claude Ruffin officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt.

Trivia answer

The Tri-Cities area will receive three new officers under the COPS FAS program. Granite City, Madison and Venice are each slated to receive one officer. An additional officer under the federal legislation.

Merfs

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Bosich said, "To vote on a resolution without their input would be premature."

Bosich said he feels most officials and citizens would favor the dirty merf plan because it would not require trash to be sorted before it is taken to the recycling plant. Curbside recycling requires glass, white paper and other materials to be sorted. If it is disposed of, he said, while garbage is separated at the recycling plant, the dirty merf program doesn't make sense to adopt.

He doesn't think the program if people aren't going to participate, Bosich said. With dirty merf there is a 65-75 percent diversion of garbage from the landfills, and with clean merf the maximum they can get is 10 percent (diversion).

"And that counts on people to sort their garbage first. What is going to want two garbage containers in her kitchen?"

Worthen disagreed, saying Bosich's sources were biased.

Norton Environmental Corp., which hopes to build a dirty merf plant in Wood River, provided Bosich with his diversion statistics, Worthen said.

County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer said it is important, regardless of which plan the board adopts, to make a decision by next month.

"I would hope that 30 days from now we could come to a decision," Hagnauer said. "This (the recycling issue) is something we've been working on for quite some time."

The county must adopt a program soon to meet state of Illinois requirements to reduce the amount of solid waste being deposited in landfills by 25 percent in 1996.

In other business, the County Board approved \$914 in funding to replace the fire alarm system at the Madison County Sheltered Care Home.

It also approved \$11,750 to purchase 10 computers for the Madison County Probation and Court Services.

Some information in this story came from the Alton Telegraph.

Murder

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ignored or shunted to the side."

No direct evidence links Ashburn to Muckensturm's death, he added, and other people had a "distinct interest" in Muckensturm's death.

Melody Collins, who lived with Muckensturm for nine years, testified that Muckensturm and Ashburn had only been friends a few weeks when Muckensturm was killed.

The two men began feuding on a Missouri float trip over money Ashburn allegedly had loaned Muckensturm for the trip, she said. Ashburn also went to the back of his truck as if for a weapon, but was stopped by police.

Ashburn kicked in the door of the couple's apartment a few days later looking for Muckensturm and saying he was going to "kill Ricky," Collins said.

Dick Aulabaugh, former owner of a Madison bar frequented by the men, testified Wednesday that Muckensturm, Ashburn and Clark were at the bar the day before Muckensturm's body was found. The men got too loud, he said. He overheard Ashburn mention something about money and that he planned to "drive around until they got it."

"I thought it was unusual after they had been run out of a bar that all three of them got to the passenger side of the truck," Aulabaugh said.

Clark opened the passenger door, let Ashburn in and then followed him in. Aulabaugh said Ashburn went around the truck and entered on the driver's side before driving off.

Defense witnesses were expected to be presented on Thursday.

Election

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In half. He tried, also unsuccessfully, to have the form of government changed in Madison County. He has proposed completely eliminating the township form of government.

"This is this thing or is this politics," Page asked. "First (McGinness) decided to run for mayor and didn't do too well. Then he decided to run for alderman, then he decided against it to support Barnhart, and now he decides he is going to run," Page said, noting McGinness' involvement in county politics last year and his previous announced switch to the Republican party.

"What else is he going to do to try to get elected in Granite City?" Page asked.

Page pointed out that McGinness has gone on record as opposing township government.

"Elimination of township government will mean elimination of the bus service," Page said.

McGinness said that he will be fighting an uphill battle. "You can't run a write-in campaign the same way you do a normal campaign. But we'll have literature spelling out the ballot procedure," McGinness said.

"I'm not merely a token candidate. I'm running to win the office," he said.

"I can do that," Stratton said.

Name

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"I have to change my driver's license. I have to change my house insurance, my life insurance, my car insurance. I have to change my bank charge accounts," Kucua said.

"We've got ball diamonds you can change. You can put flags everywhere."

Kucua said she was going to change the name of her street, he said.

Kucua's wife, Dorothy, said the change would be especially tough for elderly persons who have difficulty getting around.

"We're proud of our veterans, but let's (recognize them) a different way," she said.

One woman at the hearing who said she doesn't live on Seventh Street said she could understand the point made by the Kucuas.

"I know, wouldn't it be if it was my street," she said.

Alderman Richard George said eight residents had told him they opposed the name change.

"That's about 20 percent. We have to live with the wishes of those who put us in (office)," George said.

George, aldermen John Hamm and Mike Vrabec, and Mayor John Bellico asked Stratton if the VFW would consider an alternative request and said a different street or a building could possibly be renamed.

"We can do that," Stratton said.

Holiday

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Business picks up about five days before Valentine's Day, he said. He also said Valentine's Day seems to be becoming more important.

"Valentine's Day competes and sometimes even surpasses Mother's Day," he said.

"It carries more weight than a birthday," he added. "I was talking to someone at church yesterday and they said 'I can forget a lot of occasions, but I'd better not forget Christmas and Valentine's Day.'"

Ladies in particular make a greater effort to remind their husbands and boyfriends about Valentine's Day," he said.

One man who could have used reminding was Jed Perkins of Granite City.

He was card-shopping at Jan's Hallmark Monday evening with his father.

"I didn't know it was the last minute until I looked down at my watch," he said. "My dad picked me up and told me we were going to pick up Valentine's Day cards."

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The Lesters

Lesters to appear here Sunday

Dr. Bob Jones, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, 2600 Edwards St. in Granite City, has announced that The Lesters will be in concert at the church at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19.

"The Lesters are one of the great family traditions in gospel music," Jones said. "They have extraordinary talent and a warm family style presentation."

"Of all the gospel singing groups that we have had at our church, the Lesters continually thrill our people when they perform for us," he added.

The pastor and people of Grace Baptist Church invite the public to attend this special Sunday morning service. Sunday school will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by the Lesters concert at 10:45. A nursery will be provided. For more information, call 877-6672.

Craft show set

There will be a craft show and flea market on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pontoon Senior Citizen Hall, 3910 Illinois 111, Pontoon Beach.

The building is accessible to persons with disabilities.

For information, directions or to reserve a table, call 797-5417.

Chili dinner Friday

New Life Assembly of God Church, 2730 Buxton Ave., Granite City, is sponsoring an all-you-can-eat chili dinner from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17. Chili mac and chili dogs also will be available, said the Rev. Ed Shemwell, pastor.

A donation of \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under the age of 12 will be collected.

Tea and coffee will be served.

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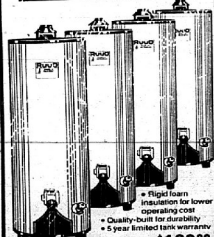
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'Holy Fools' Group offers special services

The Holy Fools of MacMurray College in Jacksonville will present a special service, "Here I am, Lord", at United Methodist churches in Granite City and Madison this weekend.

The collegians will begin their weekend of clowning around for Christ at a Granite City youth rally at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18. The church is located at 20th Street and Delmar Avenue.

The Holy Fools will lead worship services at two churches Sunday morning, Feb. 19. They will appear at the 9:30 a.m. worship service of the Madison United Methodist Church at Fifth Street and Ewing in Madison and at the 10:15 a.m. service at Dewey Avenue United Methodist Church, 2136 Dewey Ave., in Granite City.

Rev. Michael Davis is pastor of both the Dewey Avenue and Madison churches. His wife, Robyn Diaz Davis, is a 1991 graduate of MacMurray and a former member of the Holy Fools.

The collegians will be staying overnight with families of the Madison and Dewey Avenue churches. The Holy Fools' weekend will start with a pot

luck supper at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Madison United Methodist Church.

Holy Fools is a Christian clown ministry with members in many states and nations. The student ministry was inspired by the movie "Parable", in which Christ is portrayed as a clown.

Holy Fools on the MacMurray campus began in 1975 with a small group of students. Sixteen collegians are involved in the ministry this semester at MacMurray, a 149-year-old, private liberal arts college affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

"As Holy Fools, our main goal is to show people what it means to be a little bit foolish for Christ in a world where that is not always easy," the MacMurray group explains. "We do this through our services and nursing home visits. We go any place people needed to be reminded that God loves them."

"Here I am, Lord" is the Holy Fools' theme this year. They present their message in a service of singing, prayer and skits they wrote themselves.

"Our service may seem unusual, but you will find that this is our way of saying, 'Here I am'," the Holy Fools note.



The Holy Fools of MacMurray College

"After all, 'We are all fools for Christ's sake' (1 Corinthians 4:10)."

MacMurray College Holy Fools for 1994-95 include Karen Lukaszewski of Naperville, head fool; Gretchen Peasborn of Batavia, secretary; and Judy Williams of Hightstown, N.J., treasurer.

Other members are Paula Cram of Washington, Tina Diekmeyer of Carlyle, Anne Doll of Mott, N.D., Melanie Funk of Liberty, Jenny Geiger of Morton,

Bryant Hankins of Chatham, Tiffany Hermon of Lynwood, Kathie Hill of Richmond, Ind., Nancy Lawrence of Cedar Lake, Ind., Tracy Maxurkiewicz of Lansing, Mary Rodgers of Mason City, Valerie Wilson of Alton and Mollee Schumacher of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Rockford.

Rev. Jonathan Dixon, college chaplain and assistant professor of philosophy and religion, is the MacMurray Holy Fools' adviser.

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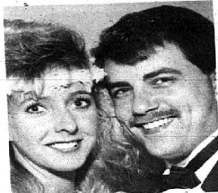
Amy L. Smith and Daniel W. Weissert were married Dec. 3, 1994, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Collinsville, by the Rev. Robert Morris.

The bride is the daughter of Harry and Dianne Smith of Collinsville, formerly of Granite City. She is a 1989 graduate of Granite City High School.

The groom is the son of Kenneth and Doris Weissert of Fairview Heights. He is a 1987 graduate of Belleville Township High School East and a 1989 graduate of Ranken Technical College in St. Louis.

Kelly LaPeire of Granite City, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. The junior bridesmaid was Erica Weissert, niece of the groom.

Brian Boerm of Fairview Heights was the best man. The flower girl was Kimberly



Daniel and Amy Weissert

Weissert, niece of the groom. The ringbearer was Jarred LaPeire, nephew of the bride.

The ushers were Clay Smith, brother of the bride, and Tom Weissert, brother of the groom.

A reception was held at the American Legion Hall in Collinsville. The couple live in Belleville.



Deborah Engelmman
Engelmman-Krikorian

Deborah Engelmman, daughter of William Engelmman of Venice, Fla., and Nancy and Robert Weidner of Greenville, and Ronald Krikorian, son of Kenneth and Eleanor Krikorian of Washington, Pa., have announced their engagement.

Engelmman of St. Louis, formerly of Granite City, is a graduate of Central Methodist College with a bachelor's degree in education. She received a master's degree in special education from the University of Missouri and is a special education teacher with the St. Louis County Special School District.

Krikorian is a graduate of Embury Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla., with a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical science. He is an airline captain and flight instructor for Trans World Express in St. Louis.

A June wedding is planned.



Mr. and Mrs.
Earl Affolter
Affolter-
40 Years

Earl and Fern Affolter celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Jan. 22 with a dinner party at Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City. The event was hosted by the couple's three children, a daughter-in-law and son-in-law for close friends and family.

Earl Affolter and the former Fern Helms were married in Mountain View, Mo., on Jan. 22, 1955. The Rev. T. Bivens conducted the ceremony.

He is retired from Illinois Power, where he worked for 35 years. She is a homemaker. They are the parents of three children, Coleen Wright and husband, Randy; Randy Affolter and wife, Kim; and Kathy Affolter, all of Granite City.

The couple has four grandchildren, Matthew and Emily Affolter and Jesse and Steven Wright.



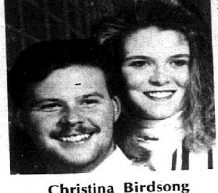
Mr. and Mrs.
Earl Spalding
Spalding-
67 Years

Earl and Gertrude Spalding of Granite City will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary Feb. 18.

Earl Spalding and the former Gertrude Stearns were married Feb. 18, 1928, at Niedringhaus United Parsonage, Granite City. A former operator of the Shell filling station, 12th Street and Edwardsville Road, Granite City, he is retired from Granite City Steel.

They are the parents of three sons, Leland Spalding of Wichita, Kan., Wilbur Spalding of Bethalto and Kenneth Spalding of Granite City.

There are 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



Christina Birdsong
and Michael Vanesler
Birdsong-
Vanesler

Christina Birdsong, daughter of Michael and Linda Birdsong of Granite City, and Michael Vanesler, son of Jane Vanesler of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Birdsong, a 1994 graduate of Granite City High School, is currently attending Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville as a full-time student.

Vanesler, a 1993 graduate of Granite City High School, is currently employed full time with Lanter Company, while attending Belleville Area College as a part-time student.

The couple plan a May 2000 wedding, following graduation from college.

Marriage license

The following marriage license was issued through the office of Janice Delaney, St. Clair County clerk: Leonard Hopper of Caseyville, and Candy Johnson of Granite City.

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Goodman-Ridings

Shelle Goodman, daughter of Lloyd and Linda Goodman of Granite City, and Stephen Ridings, son of Jim and Nancy Ridings of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Goodman is a medical assistant student at Belleville Area College. She is employed with Sears Logistic Services in Granite City as a clerk.

Ridings is a marketing management major at BAC. He is employed by A.O. Smith Automotive Products Company in Granite City as a B operator.

The couple plan a September wedding in Granite City.

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Sports

Warriors blast out of losing streak, 70-37

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

The Warriors' woes grew with each week during a recent seven-game losing streak. But they released some frustration Tuesday against McCluer North with a 70-37 non-conference victory at Memorial Gymnasium.

The Warriors, who have been plagued by inconsistencies on offense all season, recorded their first victory since Jan. 18, when they defeated Salem 69-62. Granite City's point total against McCluer North exceeded its previous season high as four Warriors reached double figures.

FOR THE FIRST TIME this season, the Warriors won by a comfortable margin after taking a 31-10 halftime lead against McCluer North. Granite City held the outmatched Stars without a field goal in the second quarter and extended the lead to as many as 37 points in the second half.

The Warriors led 16-7 after the

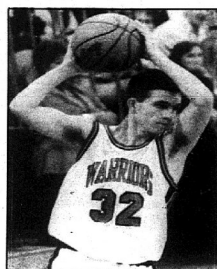
first quarter and pushed the advantage to 21 points by intermission. The Warriors continued to pull away in the third quarter and then traded baskets with the Stars down the stretch.

"We know exactly the feeling they went through," Granite City coach John Van Buskirk said. "We haven't had a game like this all year."

"I was proud of the kids. They came out and played aggressive. We took a comfortable lead early and made some shots in the first quarter."

JUNIOR GUARD Jay Simpson, who led the way with 22 points, got off to a strong start when he gave GCHS a 2-0 lead with a basket that drew a foul. Simpson missed the ensuing free throw, but he finished the quarter with nine points after drilling a three-pointer to give the Warriors a 14-7 lead with 40 seconds left.

After the Stars cut the lead to 16-9 on two free throws by Mike Kretzler at the beginning of the



Jay Simpson

second quarter, neither team scored again until the 4:53 mark — when Simpson hit the second of his four three-pointers to make it 19-9. The Warriors out-

GCHS 70, McCluer North 37									
	2pt	3pt	FT	Reb	Ass	St	TO	PF	Pts
McCluer North	12	0	1	14	1	0	1	1	14
Mike Kretzler	3	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	7
Eric Van Hook	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Mike Stener	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Josh Wolford	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Tim Kamp	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Timmy Ellis	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Marvin Bryant	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Duane Harris	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Carvin Jackson	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Britt Sequoy	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	12	0	1	14	1	0	1	1	14
Granite City	24	4	2	22	11	0	1	1	70
Jay Simpson	9	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	22
Jeff Byrne	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	6
Wayne Myers	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	6
Kyle Blagaj	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Case Anderson	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Jason Crites	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Steve Logan	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Timmy Ellis	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Tim Kamp	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Jeff Wolford	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
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scored the Stars 15-3 in the second quarter and held the visitors to a free throw by Mike Stener after Kretzler's two shots. Granite City kept McCluer

North out of synch offensively throughout the quarter and forced 11 turnovers by the Stars in the first half.

"WE KNEW THE pressure defense would bother them a little," Van Buskirk said. "We worked hard defensively."

McCluer North kept pace with Granite City after a rocky first half, but the Warriors continued building their lead with a strong third quarter. The Warriors got two three-pointers from Simpson, as well as three-pointers by Kyle Briggs and Jeff Byrne.

Byrne hit two more three-pointers in the fourth quarter and finished with nine points. Wayne Myers matched Byrne with nine points, and Ray Smith added 12.

Van Buskirk emptied the bench in the second half as the Warriors put the game away.

Everybody got into the offense," Van Buskirk said. "They worked hard and did what they're supposed to do. The kids coming off the bench did

the same thing."

THE WARRIORS TOOK their biggest lead of the game, 70-33, when Byrne nailed a three-point shot with 1:04 to play. Granite City hit eight three-pointers for the game.

The Warriors will try to win back-to-back games for the first time this season on Friday when they host Alton in a Southwestern Conference game. The Warriors defeated the Redbirds 54-51 at Alton on Jan. 13.

But the Redbirds recently upgraded their lineup with the addition of Leo Gomes, a foreign exchange student from Brazil. Gomes is a 6-4 senior guard who became eligible Feb. 3.

The Warriors hope to bring the momentum of Tuesday's victory into Friday's Senior Night contest. Granite City is in last place in the SWC with a 2-6 record, and Alton is 2-5.

"We hope this carries over to Friday night," Van Buskirk said. "It's not going to be the same Alton team we faced before."

Lady Warriors eliminated

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

O'Fallon High ended the Granite City High girls basketball team's season Tuesday with a 58-34 victory over the Lady Warriors in a first-round regional game.

The Panthers' size and quickness proved too much for the visiting Lady Warriors, who ended the year 9-13. Granite City was unable to recover after falling behind 32-15 in the first half and lost its third straight game.

O'FALLON, THE seventh-seeded team in the Jerseyville Class AA Sectional, moved on to the second round of regional play and will face No. 2 Jerseyville on the road at 7:30 p.m. today.

The 10th-seeded Lady Warriors got 20 points from Denise McMillan. The junior guard scored 36 points in Granite City's final two games after battling stress fractures in both legs for much of the season.

Sophomore guard Carrie Simpson added seven points Tuesday, but the Lady Warriors got only seven points from the other starters and could not keep up with O'Fallon's scoring trio of seniors Teresa Snowden and Lena Cline and sophomore Shelby Weber.

Cline, a 6-4 center, had eight points. Snowden and Weber, two forwards, each had 14.



(Photo by T.W. MILLER)

Denise McMillan closed out her junior year with 20 points Tuesday. But it wasn't enough in a 58-34 regional loss to O'Fallon.

Lincoln rolls past Red Devils, 68-45

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Two teams traveling in opposite directions reversed course Tuesday at the East St. Louis Lincoln High gym.

Venice High, which according to coach Clinton Harris had been playing some of its best ball of the season, met up with Lincoln, which played possibly its worst game of the year Friday against Cahokia.

BUT THE TIGERS FOUND new life and put the Red Devils away early in a 68-45 win. Venice led 10-15 and Lincoln improved to 9-12.

"We had been being down all right the last few games, and we came in here thinking we had a chance to beat this team," Harris said. "But (Lincoln coach) Bennie (Lewis) had his boys ready for us tonight."

"We did play a little better tonight," Lewis said. "Our defense worked better, and we're trying to get Kimon more involved in the offense." Lewis said of his sophomore center.

"He's really come a long way since the beginning of the season." "It makes it hard when their tallest guy is 6-6, and our tallest is about 6-foot," Harris said. "But that's not why we lost. We lost because we didn't hit our

Lincoln 68, Venice 45									
	2pt	3pt	FT	Reb	Ass	St	TO	PF	Pts
Venice	12	0	1	14	1	0	1	1	14
Kevin Roberts	3	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	7
Donald Harris	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	8
Keith Kennedy	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Ron Taylor	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Earl Nelson	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Justin	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
James Buckale	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Cole	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	12	0	1	14	1	0	1	1	14
Lincoln	24	4	2	22	11	0	1	1	70
Clinton Harris	9	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	22
Carvin Howard	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	6
Charles Jennings	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	6
Randy Floyd	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
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Robert Nicholson	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
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Kevin Roberts

layups and free throws, and we have to do that to win. I bet we missed 25 layups tonight." Harris may have been exaggerating a bit, but his team did have several easy chances and

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Skaters sweep Spartans in 1st round of playoffs

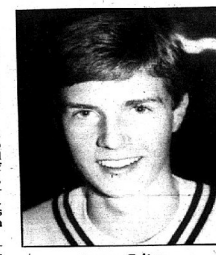
By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

The Warriors passed their first test in the Mid-States Club Hockey Association playoffs Monday. GCHS finished a two-game sweep of Hazelwood East with a 5-1 victory over the Spartans at the North County rink.

THE WARRIORS outscored the Spartans 13-3 over two games Sunday and Monday and advanced to the second round of the Mid-States Tier II playoffs, set to begin this weekend. Granite City is scheduled to face St. Mary's in the first of two games at 9:30 p.m. Friday at North County.

St. Mary's completed a two-game sweep of Lindbergh on Monday with a 9-2 victory. The Warriors and Dragons will meet for the first time this season.

"As the playoffs go on, the games are going to get tougher," Granite City coach Dave Yurkovich said. "The Dragons are going to be a very physical



Jason Crites

team. They like to intimidate and make you retaliate. Physically, I'm not worried. Our size and strength can match up with anybody.

"The kids have been working hard and doing a great job. The

Schedule									
Thursday, Feb. 16									
BOYS BASKETBALL: Venice vs. GCHS, 6:15 p.m.									
Friday, Feb. 17									
WRESTLING: Granite City at IHSA Class AA individual state tournament, Champaign, 10 a.m.									
BOYS BASKETBALL: Granite City vs. Alton, 6:15 p.m. Venice vs. Spartans, 8:15 p.m. Madison vs. Teutopolis, 8 p.m.									
HOCKEY: Granite City vs. St. Mary's, Mid-States Club Hockey Association playoffs at North County, 9:30 p.m.									
Saturday, Feb. 18									
WRESTLING: Granite City at IHSA Class AA individual state tournament, Champaign, 10 a.m.									
BOYS BASKETBALL: Madison at Alton, 8 p.m.									
Tuesday, Feb. 21									
BOYS BASKETBALL: Venice vs. Freeburg, Dupe Class A Regional, 6 p.m. Madison vs. Alton, 8 p.m.									
WRESTLING: Granite City vs. Mt. Vernon, Granite City Class AA dual team sectional, 6:30 p.m.									

attitudes have been great."

THE WARRIORS' speed and scoring punch proved too much for Hazelwood East, which ended the season at 5-18-1. Monday's victory was the Warriors' fifth of

the season against the Spartans and their first win in three games.

After defeating Hazelwood East 8-2 on Sunday, Granite City had an overwhelming 57-17 advantage in shots Monday. But after jumping out to a 3-0 lead in the first period, the Warriors were held to two goals the rest of the way.

"Their goalie just came up big," Yurkovich said. "We were shooting the puck left and right. We pretty much dominated again and controlled the play."

The Warriors took an early lead when Aaron Reeves scored 3:30 into the game on assists by Jason Crites and Mikal Guffey. At 11:27, Guffey scored Granite City's next goal on assists from Ryan Penrod and Crites.

WITH 55 SECONDS left in the period, Penrod fired a slap shot from the blue line into the net for a 3-0 lead. Guffey and Crites recorded assists.

"It was a really nice shot," (See HOCKEY, Page 3B)

Trivial matters

1: There have been 12 boys basketball teams in IHSA history to lose in the state championship game after going into the game undefeated. When was the last time that happened in Class AA?

2: In 1980, Fairbury Prairie Central lost its first game of the year in the boys Class A state title game. What Metro East team beat them?

Answers at right.

Community Sports Calendar

Baseball clinic at SIUE
The annual Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Pitchers and Catchers Clinic will be held Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Vandalia Center. SIUE will also host three developmental hitting clinics on Wednesday, Feb. 22 (5:30-9 p.m.), Thursday, Feb. 23 (8:30-9 p.m.) and Saturday, Feb. 26 (1-3:30 p.m.). The pitchers and catchers clinic will run simultaneously on Feb. 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for ages 13-19. For more information, contact SIUE baseball coach Gary Collins at 692-2871.

Coming up

Taste of Champaign
Tony Buchek (left) is one of 10A Warriors set to compete in the IHSA wrestling tournament Friday and Saturday in Champaign.

Trivia answers
1. East St. Louis Lincoln beat previously unbeaten Peoria for the 1989 state title.
2. Trenton Wescelin, featuring Paul Lusk and Brent Brede.

•Hockey

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Yurkovich said. "He beat the goalie from the point."

The Warriors outshot the Spartans 17-4 for the period and continued to dominate in the second period, outshooting the hosts 20-6. But the Warriors did not score their next goal until the final minute of the period.

With 31 seconds left, Chris Hatfield scored off a feed from David Miskelley to make it 4-0.

"We had a bunch of chances; it just wouldn't fall," Yurkovich said. "We hit the post, we did everything."

The Warriors had 20 more shots in the third period, but only Hatfield was able to score, adding his second of the night with 1:33 left in regulation. Phelps assisted on the goal, which gave the Warriors a 5-0 lead.

THE SPARTANS, however, broke the shutout with a late power-play goal. With 43 seconds left, Hazelwood East solved GCHS goalie Robbie Slater on a two-man advantage.

Yurkovich said he was pleased with the play of Hatfield, Phelps and Miskelley, a line that accounted for the Warriors' final two goals.

"They played real well again and did a good job," Yurkovich said. "All three had a lot of scoring chances. They were able to move the puck real well."

Yurkovich said the same of the freshman line of Bob Pritchard, Bob Harris and Bryan Loftus.

"They had a lot of ice time; they just weren't able to put it in the net," Yurkovich said.

"Our defense played real well. They did a real good job seeing the open man and getting

the puck up the ice. The main thing is we're moving the puck on the power play real well right now. It went from 30-50 to fantastic in the last couple games. We're hitting the open man and getting open shots."

FOR THE SECOND straight game, the Warriors played most of the way without top scorer Matt Wilson. Through two play-off games, the Warriors have been led in scoring by Guffey and Crites.

Guffey, who had a hat trick in Sunday's victory, had four goals and two assists overall against Hazelwood East. Crites, a senior, has centered a line of senior Chris Valencia and Guffey, a sophomore.

"It's a pleasure to see a sophomore play that way in the playoffs," Yurkovich said. "He's been getting to loose pucks and making things happen."

•Venice

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ended up shooting just 34 percent from the field and 44 percent from the foul line.

CARWIN HOWARD recovered from a terrible night Friday to add 14 points and eight rebounds for Lincoln, while Charles Manning and Raymond Edwards added 13 points each.

Kevin Roberts led the Devils with 14 points and five assists, and he also gathered seven rebounds. Donald Harris was the only other Devil in double figures with 13 points and a team-high nine boards.

The Tigers led 14-8 after one quarter and stretched their lead to 13 at the half. The Red Devils may have played their best in the third quarter, when they used Donald Harris to drive at Green.

Green did get into some foul trouble, but it wasn't enough to threaten the Tigers' advantage. "Green was blocking everything, and we tried to go at him,

but it didn't matter," Harris said. "We didn't hit our free throws. That's the story of the game. You don't need to say anything else; free throws and layups."

THE DEVILS HAD A 9-3 run in the third period to draw to within eight, but the Tigers finished

the quarter with a 10-2 run, accentuated by a big slam by Green. The Devils could never recover.

"We have a couple big games coming up, and we'll have to learn how to finish our shots better," Harris said. "We have to get better shots, then hit them when we get them. We felt confident coming into this game, and there's no reason why we can't remain that way."

The Devils host Waterloo Gbault and Thursday and Sparta on Thursday to finish the regular season. They're in the Dupo Regional next week.

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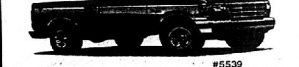
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18 years of health services celebrated

Maxine Green covers the Granite City and Nameoki Township area for the Press-Record Journal. She can be contacted at 931-6266.

Vicki Harper and Ola White celebrated their birthdays recently with lunch and fellowship at Ravanelli's Restaurant. Celebrating with them were Evelyn Miles, Lenora Cumerford, Norma Rains, Birdie Meyenberg, Jeanette Weisenberger and Al and Madge Laney.

The next senior fellowship will be held Feb. 21 at Ravanelli's Restaurant.

An open house was held Jan. 24 at 2502 Ponton Road in the classroom at Dr. Larry A. Shipley's office. Patients and friends stopped by for the celebration of 18 years he has been in chiropractic health care.

A new ChiroVision Imaging System was used and a discussion on "Understanding Your Back" was presented by Shipley, followed by a question and answer period. Linda Boswell's name was drawn from the basket of names and she won the television.

Jim and Janet Simpson made ice cream, which was served with anniversary cake and soft drinks to Margaret Auterhouse, Bill and Linda Bush, Don, Ashley and Tonya Compedge, Paula Dean, Ruth Lelik, Maxine Green, Joyce Hall, James and Evelyn Holme, Leland and Rose Jones, Roscoe Martin, Margaret MacZura, Clarence and Emma MacZura, Rocky Powers, Bob and Pam Reed, Thomas D. Reis, Don, John and Lena Scher, Kelly and Schmidt, Jennifer Simpson, John and Tanya Stewart, Ray and Florence Usselman, Bob and Mary Zellerman, Corey Lewis, Whitney Bradford, Britanny and Zachary Dean, Laura Lewis, Fox Sloss, Paula Weaver, Cindy Wilson and Shipley.

"Feeling Fit and Looking Fabulous," a special seminar for women, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road, in Granite City.



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Discussions by health care professionals on women's health issues plus a fashion show will be featured. A luncheon will be served by Jessica's Cottage. Proceeds will go to the cardiac emergency fund.

For more information, call the Education Resources Department at 798-3200.

A revival was held at the Maryville Road Church of the Nazarene through Sunday, Feb. 12, with Evangelist Cleatus Zimmerman conducting nightly services at 7 p.m. (Sunday at 6 p.m.). A pot luck dinner followed the Sunday morning service.

Gerald Lindsey has received a letter of recognition from the following publishers: Lois Jarne Music Ministries of Gallatin, Tenn., Creative Arts and Science Enterprises and Jeff Roberts Publishers of Wollaston, Mass.

Lindsey has written "Sitting on a Park Bench," published in the National Library of Poetry in Owings Mills, Md. He also published "Start Gazing," which was published by Quill Books. He is now in the process of printing a poster of "God Is, I Am" for Western Graphics of Eugene, Ore.

Following is the text of "God Is, I Am."

God is my lion, I am His lamb.
Weak or strong, He loves me as I am.

Just a cloud in an endless sky,
He gave His life for you and I.
Jesus is a mighty oak and me an elm so small.

I know He waits over me
When the wind blows strong I won't fall.
Down the path He leads me
And if by chance I stray,
I know I'll find it once again.



Paula Weaver, left, and Cindy Wilson



Dr. Larry Shipley, left, presented a television to Linda Boswell.

God told me so in prayer
I'll walk with angels on streets
of gold
Where my family and friends

will meet me
Sitting on a throne of white
Our almighty God, close to greet me.

Elks name 2 Teens of the Month

Emily Katrina Zarate and Jeffrey A. Pusczek have been selected by the Granite City Elks Lodge No. 1063 as Teens of the Month of January.

Students are selected by a panel of students and teachers based on leadership, character, citizenship and scholastic ability. They receive a \$50 savings bond and become eligible for "Teen of the Year" designation and a \$100 savings bond.

Zarate, the daughter of Katrina and Miguel Zarate, has been honored for her achievements for outstanding music performance, third place at the Central Bank art show, and received scholarships for music camp and summer art classes.

Her student activities include Shakespeare Society, Swing Choir, Advanced Mixed Chorus, Junior Achievement, Modern Music Masters, Science Club, Young Authors, Red Peppers, Photography Club, Speech, Theater and Empathy.

Pusczek is the son of Karen and Greg Pusczek. He has been honored for his achievements as a speaker at Fish and Wildlife Convention, High Honor Roll and Secondary Honors and Awards.

His student activities include volleyball stats (manager), Science Club, Rivers Project, Foreign Policy Club, track, yearbook, Photography Club,



Zarate

Pusczek

Holiday Harvest volunteer, Math Team and CPR volunteer.

Military

John Hopkins

John G. Hopkins, son of Patricia Fultz of Granite City, has enlisted in the Air Force. Upon successful completion of the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas, Hopkins is scheduled to receive technical training in the aircraft fuel system career field.

Hopkins, a 1993 graduate of Granite City High School, will be earning credits toward an associate of applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

Joseph Gramm

Joseph C. Gramm of Granite City has joined the U.S. Army. Gramm has received the Army's written guarantee that he will receive training in the job specialty of his choice, military police.

Gramm, who will graduate from Granite City High School in May, will take basic and advanced individual training at Fort McClellan, Ala., reporting for duty Aug. 29.

He is the son of Katherine

Clutts of Granite City.

Ronald Glasgow

Marine Private First Class Ronald A. Glasgow, son of Ronald A. and Doris Glasgow of Granite City, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with Second Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Second Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The 1994 graduate of Granite City High School joined the Marine Corps in February 1994.

Robert Biggs

Robert R. Biggs, nephew of Joseph Bloodworth of Madison, has enlisted in the Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program. Biggs, a 1995 graduate of Madison High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on Nov. 2. Upon graduation from Air Force's six-week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas, Biggs is scheduled to receive technical training in the general aptitude career field.

Biggs will be earning credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

Holy Family gets \$3,500 check

On Jan. 13, Tri-Cities Knights of Columbus Council 1098, represented by John Moran, faithful navigator, and brothers John Mink and Rudy Hoffek, presented Sister Angeline, principal of Holy Family Catholic School, with a check for \$3,500. This check will be used to put in a new science series of text books. Previously, the Knights of Columbus made a donation of \$3,500, which was used to equip a new first-grade classroom.

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Funeral summary

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

BIRK, Wanda B. (Strait), 60, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 6:10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 1995, at Edwardsville Care Center East, Edwardsville. Her body was donated to science. A memorial service was held Wednesday at Irwin Chapel Funeral City, by the Rev. Steve Hurd.

BOWER, Reva, 63, of Granite City, died at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1995, at her residence. Services were held Friday at Herr Funeral Home, Collinsville, by the Rev. Roger Wright. Burial in St. James Cemetery, Edwardsville. Memorials to the donor's choice.

BLOOMFIELD, Robert, 78, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 2:55 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. His remains were cremated. Graveside services and burial of cremains were held in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates.

FLINN, Charles Conway, 67, of New Douglas, formerly of Granite City, died at 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 1995, at his residence. Services were held Wednesday at Russell Hill Baptist Church, Batesville, Ark., by the Rev. Jim Black. Burial in Oaklawn Cemetery, Batesville, Ark.

HART, Christopher W., Debbie (Dixon) and Kevin Dale, all of Oaklawn, died Feb. 10, 1995, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese, after a traffic accident. Services were held Wednesday at Kassy Colonial Mortuary, Fairview Heights, by the Rev. J. J. Kumas. Burial in Oaklawn Cemetery, Fairview Heights.

KUHNEL, Eugene H., 38, of Granite City, was pronounced dead at 9:20 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1995, at his residence. Services were held Wednesday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach, by the Rev. Roy Boyer. Burial in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

MALHEREK, James William, 65, of Venice, died at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1995, at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis. Services were held Monday at St. Mark's Catholic Church, Venice, by the Rev. Delmar B. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel Mortuary, Massena.

OKAL, Catherine H. (Humak), 75, of Madison, died at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1995, at her residence. Graveside services and burial were held Saturday in Irwin Chapel Mortuary, Glen Carbon, by the Rev. Max Wood. Arrangements by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Glen Carbon.

ROGERS, Eugene H., 86, of Granite City, died at 5:50 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Elwyn Wilkins. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to Third Baptist Church, Granite City.

ROZYCKI, Gladys (Gast), 64, of Granite City, died at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Wednesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Samuel R. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to the American Cancer Society.

STELZER, Bernice Delores (Nowak), 75, of Granite City, died at 7:40 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Tuesday at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Edwardsville. Burial in Lark View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

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